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FIBER PULP)	

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European Patent Document EP 1 076 132 teaches bonding a charge of a mineral material to the cellulose fibers in a suspension, the fiber suspension as a papermaking pulp contains at least hydrogen carbonates, carbonates or alkaline metal silicates and/or alkaline earths together with a reagent. The bonding material for attachment to the fibers is added as a mineral hydroxide for precipitation of its carbonates or silicates on to the fibers. The fibers suspension contains sodium hydrogen carbonates and also calcium hydrogen carbonates and/r magnesium hydrogen carbonates. The alkali content is completed at 2-30 degrees F. The fiber suspension contains ions of sodium (N+) at a rate of 20-1000 ppm, or ions of calcium (Ca<2> (+)) at a rate of 5-200 ppm and/or magnesium concentrated milk or in solid form with a particle size of $\leq 6 \mu m$. After the mineral material has precipitated onto the fibers in the suspension, a gas is injected into the suspension containing a carbon dioxide to neutralize and stabilize the pH value of the cellulose fiber suspension. The fiber suspension used in supplied as a pulp of chemically bleached or unbleached fibers, a mechanical pulp, a thermomechanical pulp, or mixtures of pulp types. An independent claim is included for the production of paper sheets from the pulp of a fiber suspension where mineral

materials have been disposed on to the fibers. The wet pulp is fed to a papermaking machine, and the wet sheets are dried.

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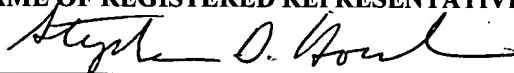
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OTHER REFERENCES (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

		"Effect of Fiber Loading on Paper Properties" John H. Klugness, et al., Dated March 1996 (5 pages)
		"Lightweight, High-Opacity Paper: Process Costs and Energy Use Reduction" John H. Klugness, et al., Dated 1999 – (4 pages)

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